

HEALDSBURG AAUW BRANCH MEETING

January 16, 2017

Ronnie Devitt's home

1714 Latigo Lane, Healdsburg

PRESENT: Ronnie Devitt, Violet Nelson, Linda Clark, Michele St. Clair, Nancy Haiston, Winky Merrill, Judy Edmonds, Sandy Beddow, Barbara Reid, Deana Fusco

The AAUW Branch meeting was called to order at 4:21 pm.

Minutes from prior meeting: The minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting were approved; Barbara moved and Nancy seconded.

Reminder: Please use the following naming convention when submitting your monthly Committee reports:

2017.01 committee name

Treasurer's Branch Report and Budget Report: Winky

Winky reviewed the Branch Budget Report and Treasurer's Report. No changes to be made at this time.

Nominating Committee Report: Nancy

Deana, Linda, Liz and Nancy are the nominating committee this year. Input has been gathered from the Leadership Team members regarding suggested replacements for their positions. One of 7 open Board positions have been filled to date. Homes' tour positions will not be filled until after the May tour. A new position for next year will be Holiday School Supplies Drive coordinator as part of Community Services team.

Social Activities Report: Barbara

The annual holiday party was attended by 131 members and guests. Catering was provided by the HHS culinary department for a total of \$950. We made a slight profit which will be used to offset other social Committee functions.

The next Cultural Tour will be January 27th to SFMOMA. The next Wine and Dine dinner will be January 28th and February 9th will be the first 2017 Happy Hour at Longboard.

Discussion was held regarding the fact that attendance at both our Annual Meeting/May Speaker Series (when we vote for Board members) as well as the Installation Lunch/picnic have been quite low. After discussing various options, the Board consensus is that we should hold a May luncheon/Annual Meeting in a member's outdoor space in anticipation of encouraging more members to attend. Michele offered her place as an option for the event targeted for May 20; this would take the place of the May Speaker Series/Annual Meeting. Board Officers will be voted in at this luncheon.

We will continue to have the summer picnic in August.

Introduction of Officers will be done at the September Kick-off event which is an early evening appetizers/wine event usually held in someone's home; an appropriate backyard venue will need to be determined for this event.

Community Services Report: Judy

Speech Trek: Volunteer mentors have been working with seven students although now there are only 4 (all boys). Competition will be held on Jan. 23rd, 5 p.m., at Cloverdale High School. Judges will be James Gore, Susan Jones, and Toni Lisoni. Awards will be given to the top 3 students. Board members are encouraged to attend. Contact Ronnie if you are interested in carpooling.

Future Prep: AAUW-Healdsburg will pull back the full responsibility for this program rather than trying to coordinate with other non-profits.

GEMS: Due to the major storm in December, Facebook suggested we reschedule our field trip to their Menlo Park campus. Attempts are being made to organize for Wednesday, Jan. 25th.

Reading Rocks: The annual book distribution at both the Healdsburg Elementary and Westside Elementary Schools took place during the holidays with positive feedback from both the teachers and students.

Membership Report: Deana

Current membership is now 203 with 3 of our recently lapsed members rejoining. The Rosters and Personal Information Directories have been updated and sent to National for posting on our website.

Public Policy Report: Michele

Janice Sceales and Sue Campbell are joining the Public Policy Committee and will be responsible for Title IX compliance monitoring in our area.

Speaker Series: Sandy

A membership survey regarding our Speaker Series will be distributed on January 23 with feedback to be submitted by January 30. The purpose of the survey is to determine what topics are of interest, what days/times are convenient, how frequently we should schedule speakers, etc.

Our February 7 speaker will be Dr. Rachel Mayorga, Gerontologist, and we will have Blood Pressure assessments available to attendees.

Our March 7 speaker will be our AAUW State Lobbyist, Shannon Smith-Crowley.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary
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